

PATENT APPLICATION
Atty. Docket No. 702/991620

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
AALBERTUS PIETER KROESBERGEN : SUBSTRATE WITH
Serial No. Not Yet Assigned : SUPER-ABSORBENT MATERIAL,
Filed Concurrently Herewith : METHOD FOR MANUFACTURE
THEREOF AND USE
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title and before line 1, insert the following:

This is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial
No. 08/875,237, filed September 9, 1997 ^{now US Pat 5,998,312}

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention --.

Page 1, before line 6, insert the following heading:

2. Description of the Related Art --.

Page 2, before line 8, insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --.

Page 2, before line 22, insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 shows a schematic diagram of preparatory steps for manufacturing a super-absorbent powder according to prior art; and